



Able Seaman Job Vacancy Announcement

Announcement #:	OMAO-SHIPS-AB-2016-01-EX
Title, Series, Grade	Able Seaman (D), WM9924-02
Opening Date:	04 February 2016
Closing Date:	25 September 2016
Base Salary:	\$40,374.00 - \$41,366.00
Type of Appointment:	Excepted Service
Location:	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Vessels
Who May Apply:	Open to all qualified United States citizens who are not currently employed with NOAA as wage mariner employees. Relocation expenses are not authorized for this position.
Duties:	<p>Able Seaman will perform duties that pertain to the general maintenance, repair, sanitation, and upkeep of the material, equipment, and areas of Deck Department responsibility.</p> <p>Operates hand tools and other equipment to perform routine maintenance work such as chipping, scrapping, painting, priming and/or cleaning of the ship's hull, decks, interior spaces, boats, emergency and damage control gear; small boat and launch repair.</p> <p>Performs duties of ship's rigger; rigger of cargo nets, shoring and lashing; slings, ladders, gangways and boat fenders; splicing rope and cable; works aloft or over the side with the boatswain's chair, stage or man lift.</p> <p>Operates deck machinery, booms, winches, cranes; mooring and anchoring ship, deployment and recovery of oceanographic instruments.</p> <p>Serves on field party engaged in survey or survey support operations. During small operations, serves as launch or other small boat coxswain or crew member.</p> <p>Stand watches as required.</p> <p>Perform other mission related duties as assigned, including duties related to the safety of the vessel and personnel.</p>
Minimum Eligibility Requirements:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicant must be a United States citizen of at least 18 years of age. 2. Possess a current and valid United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariners Credential endorsed with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able Seaman (Special, Limited, or Unlimited) 3. Applicant must meet physical requirements prior to appointment.



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Applicant must pass drug testing prior to appointment.5. Applicant must be able to obtain and hold a US Passport.6. Must meet Federal suitability standards.7. Must be registered for Selective Service, if applicable (www.sss.gov).
Conditions of Employment:	<p>As a conditional of employment, your position will be a Mixed Tour position. Mixed Tour of duty is a combination of full time, part time and intermittent work schedules which allows the best utilization of resources based on the work requirements of the organization. You will be required to sign a Mixed Tour Agreement.</p> <p>Once selected, you may be sent to any vessel nationwide. There is no guarantee that you will be assigned to any particular vessel or geographic location, however, your duty location will be determined by your home of record or ship's home port. Duty locations are Norfolk, VA; Charleston, SC; Woods Hole, MA; Pascagoula, MS; Newport, OR; Kodiak, AK; Ketchikan, AK; San Diego, CA; Honolulu, HI; Davisville, RI; New Castle, NH. Home duty location will determine base salary.</p> <p>A one year Trial period may be required.</p> <p>Appointment to a Testing Designated Position.</p>
Evaluation Criteria:	<p>Applicants who meet the Minimum Eligibility Requirements described above will be further evaluated. Documented knowledge, skills, and abilities along with experience, education, training, and awards contained in the application package and resume will be reviewed and rated to determine</p> <p>The Knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ability to perform general maintenance and repair on-deck equipment2. Knowledge of shipboard safety, including lifesaving and firefighting equipment, methods and techniques.3. Knowledge of watchstanding (helmsman, bridge watch, lookout, etc.)4. Skill in deploying and recovering small boat/launches and equipment.5. Ability to operate deck machinery and serve as small boat coxswain.



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	To earn the highest rating possible, you are encouraged to submit detailed information in response to the KSAs listed above. This is an open continuous announcement. Applications will be considered as vacancies occur.
How to Apply:	Email resumes to wmaplicants@noaa.gov . Fax resumes to (757) 441-6495. Any questions may be directed to the Marine Personnel Branch via email at moc.recruiting@noaa.gov or by phone at 757-441-6844 .
Note:	FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR THIS POSITION WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT YOUR ELIGIBILITY. Federal job applicants who make a false statement in any part of the application could be turned down for the job; removed after beginning work; or subject to fine, imprisonment (U.S. Code, title 18, section 1001), or other disciplinary action.
NOAA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.	All applicants meeting minimum qualifications will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor.